2018 SSEAC VIETNAM SEED RESEARCH GRANT GUIDELINES

The purpose of the SSEAC-Vietnam Seed Research Grants is to provide a pathway for new academic projects in/about Vietnam including for scholars who are engaging in the region for the first time. In addition to supporting new research initiatives, these grants offer an opportunity for experimenting with new research ideas and eliciting feedback on them from the SSEAC community.

The program provides up to 10 grants of up to $10,000 for use in 2018-19. A maximum of two grants will be awarded per cluster. Grants that involve substantive collaboration with a Vietnamese partner will be prioritised.

ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS

Applicants may only submit one application to the SSEAC Seed Research Grant Scheme per funding round. Members of the Grants Subcommittee and current Cluster Research Grant holders are ineligible to apply. PhD projects are not eligible for funding.

Applications must:

- Relate to one of the five SSEAC research clusters (economic and social development, environment and resources, health, heritage and the arts, state and society)
- Involve one or more full academic member(s) of SSEAC employed at the University of Sydney in a continuing position or a contract that continues until at least 31 December 2020. Academics on recurring annual research contracts will need to provide a letter of intent of employment signed by the head of their academic unit indicating they expect the applicant will continue to be employed until 31 December 2020
- **Not** be for projects which have previously been funded from any source (new projects that build on existing research are eligible)

In cases where these requirements are not fully met, applicants will be ineligible to apply for any future financial support from SSEAC.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD

The following criteria will be taken into consideration by the SSEAC Grants Subcommittee when assessing the applications:

- Research excellence of the project and feasibility within the scheme timeframe
- Strength of track record relative to opportunity
- Prospects for definite outcomes that will lead to quality ERA eligible publications and external funding applications (specifically, but not limited to ARC DECRA, Discovery, Linkage and/or Fellowship schemes)

Preference will given to projects that involve collaboration with a Vietnamese partner.
BUDGET AND TIMEFRAME

The program provides grants of up to $10,000 for use in 2019-20. Funding may be used for travel for primary research and research assistance.

The following items **cannot be funded** by the SSEAC Cluster Research Grant:

- Items of recurrent funding (continuing positions, PhD scholarships)
- Equipment
- Conference attendance
- Honoraria for Vietnamese partners

Please attach quotes found on the internet (or otherwise) as evidence of estimates for travel and accommodation costs.

The Grants Subcommittee reserves the right to specify how awards may be used. Funds will be accessible in March 2019 and must be spent by June 2020.

**All grant recipients will be required to submit a final report by June 2020.**

SUBMISSION AND DEADLINES

Submit your application by 11:59 pm AEDT, Thursday 7th March 2019 to sydney-vietnam.event@sydney.edu.au. Applications will be confirmed by email following receipt. Late submissions will not be considered.